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TAGS: ENRG EG GW
SUBJ: MOBIL AND WEST GERMAN FIRM NEXT TO GET EXPLORATION/
PRODUCTION RIGHTS IN SINAI

1. WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT NEGOTIATIONS
ARE ABOUT TO CONCLUDE BETWEEN EGPC AND MOBIL FOR EXPLORATION/
PRODUCTION RIGHTS IN FORMER MOBIL AREA IN SINAI ENCOMPASSING
AREAS AROUND SUDR/MATARMA AND ASL FIELDS. ALTHOUGH MOBIL
AREA IS ALMOST COMPLETE SOUTH OF LINE J AND WEST OF
LINE M, SMALL PORTION DOES EXTEND INTO SOUTHERN PART OF MAIN
SINAI BUFFER ZONE. EGPC INTENDS TO INCLUDE STANDARD FORCE
MAJEURE CLAUSE IN AGREEMENT UNTIL ACCESS TO WHOLE AREA
CAN BE WORKED OUT. MOBIL HAS NOT SOUGHT ANY ASSISTANCE
FROM US IN NEGOTIATION OF THIS AGREEMENT. MAP OF
PROPOSED AREA BEING POUCHED.

2. MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM SOURCES HAVE ALSO INFORMED US
THAT WEST GERMAN FIRM WINTERSHALL WILL GET SIXTH ONSHORE
EXPLOARATION BLOCK IN NORTHERN SINAI AREA. ACCORDING
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TO EGPC MAP WINTERSHALL AREA LIES BOTH EAST AND WEST
OF SUEZ CANAL , WITH LARGER PORTION WEST AND SOUTH OF
GREAT BITTER LAKE. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO OVERLAP
WITH UN SUPERVISED BUFFER ZONE, HENCE WINTERSHALL WILL
NOT SHARE GULF AND CONOCO'S POTENTIAL ADMISSION PROBLEMS.
BOTH CONOCO AND GULF REPS HAVE TOLD US THAT GEOLOGICALLY
THE AREA IS NOT AS INTERESTING AS THEIR AREAS FURTHER

NORTH HENCE THEY DID NOT BID ON IT. WINTERSHALL WE
UNDERSTAND IS PART OWNER OF DEMINEX, WHICH HAS MAJOR
SHARE OF GULF OF SUEZ ACREAGE.
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